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## Title

Chewing gum-containing tablet

## CHEWING GUM-CONTAINING TABLET

### CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

5 This application is a continuation of International application PCT/EP02/03064 filed March 19, 2002, the entire content of which is expressly incorporated herein by reference thereto.

### FIELD OF THE INVENTION

10 The present invention relates to a chewing gum-containing tablet which has a novel effect in the mouth by combining the properties of a tablet with those of a chewing gum.

### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

15 Ordinary chewing gum contains a generally neutral and essentially tasteless insoluble masticatory gum base which is usually a plasticized rubber or polymer which is softened and has added texturizers, anti-tacking agents and antioxidants, etc. The base is to be chewed rather than eaten in itself and is a vehicle for one or more non-masticatory active ingredients such as flavors and sweeteners.

20 US patent 4,741,905 discloses a chewing gum hard candy confection which softens in the mouth to a chewable mass upon mastication prepared by mixing a melted gum base with a cooked hard candy syrup and cooling to a hard candy matrix. Hard candy is usually made from a base of a bulk sweetener such as sugar and glucose syrup which normally contain about 95-98% of the product. The hard candy syrup comprising sugar, glucose syrup and water is cooked to a temperature of 127° to 185°C before  
25 adding the melted chewing gum base.

Tablets are characterized by being hard and somewhat brittle with a smooth surface and differ from hard candy in that they are formed by compressing a tablet base powder in a die where the particles bond together under pressure and the compacted tablet is ejected from the die. The tablet base material is a sugar or a polyol, e.g.,  
30 sucrose, fructose, dextrose, sorbitol, mannitol, maltitol or xylitol. Tablets may be chewed in a crumbly state and eventually swallowed.



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**REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF FILING RECEIPT**

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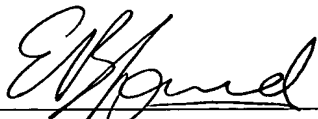
This is in reply to the Response to Request for Corrected Filing Receipt (the "Response") mailed by the Patent Office on March 31 and May 5, 2004. On February 25 and April 23, 2004, Applicants filed a request to delete certain domestic priority data that was erroneously included on the Filing Receipt by the Patent Office: namely, that this application is a continuation of Application No. 10/330,289 filed December 30, 2002, now U.S. Patent 6,678,096. The Response indicated that in order to change the benefit claim of a U.S. prior-filed application, the applicant must first amend the specification to delete the benefit claim. As indicated in the first sentence of the attached copy of page 1 of the specification, this application is a continuation of International application PCT/EP02/03064 filed March 19, 2002. There is no reference to this application being a continuation of U.S. Application No. 10/330,289.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the Filing Receipt be amended at "Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant", to delete "and is a CON of 10/330,280 12/30/2002 PAT 6,678,096", and to issue a corrected Filing Receipt in due course. A copy of the Filing Receipt with the requested change noted thereon is attached.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account No. 50-1814.

Respectfully submitted,

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